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June 1, 2009

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), CC Docket No. 00-257*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter serves as notification pursuant to Section 64.1120(e), 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") rules, which pertains to the bulk transfer of telecommunications customers relating to the purchase by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("Iowa Telecom") of substantially all of the operating assets, including all customers, of Sherburne Tele Systems, Inc. ("Sherburne Tele Systems") ("Transaction").

Sherburne Tele Systems, headquartered in Big Lake, Minnesota, currently has two local telecommunications (local exchange) service operations: Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company ("SCRTC"), which is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") and NorthStar Access Services, L.L.C. ("NSA"), which is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC"). Sherburne Tele Systems also has two interexchange service operations: Sherburne Long Distance, Inc. ("SLD"), which is the entity whose interexchange service is marketed to SCRTC's local exchange customers, and NSA, which is the entity whose interexchange service is marketed to NSA's local exchange service customers.

On July 1, 2009, Iowa Telecom intends to close the Transaction and assign the assets of the Sherburne Tele Systems entities discussed above to certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of Iowa Telecom as follows:

- All SCRTC assets (including customers) assigned to Lakedale Telephone Company
- All SLD assets (including customers) assigned to Lakedale Link, Inc.
- All NSA local telecommunications assets (including customers) assigned to Lakedale Link, LLC
- All NSA interexchange carrier assets (including customers) assigned to Lakedale Link, Inc.

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Iowa Telecom and Sherburne Tele Systems have received all necessary FCC and state approvals for this transaction.<sup>1</sup>

Iowa Telecom, on behalf of its subsidiaries Lakedale Telephone Company, Lakedale Link, LLC, and Lakedale Link, Inc. hereby certifies compliance with the requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and FCC requirements that apply to this streamlined process. Attached, please find a copy of such subscriber notices.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (641) 787-2337.

Regards,



Edward B. Krachmer  
Director-Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

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<sup>1</sup> Public Notice, Notice of Domestic Section 214 Authorization Granted, WC Docket No. 09-20, DA 09-821 (Apr. 13, 2009); Public Notice, International Authorizations Granted, File Nos. ITC-ASG-20090212-00089 and ITC-ASG-20090212-00090, DA No. 09-898 (Apr. 23, 2009); *Joint Petition of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., Lakedale Telephone Company, Lakedale LINK, Inc., Lakedale LINK, LLC and Sherburne Tele Systems, Inc., Sherburne County Rural Telephone Co., NorthStar Access, L.L.C. and Sherburne Long Distance, Inc. for Approval of Asset Purchase and Amendment of Authorized Service Areas*, MPUC Docket No. P5882 et al./PA-09-122; *Application of Lakedale LINK, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Facilities-based Local Service, Including Resold Local Service*, MPUC Docket No. P-6714/NA-09-143; *Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom and Sherburne Tele Systems, Inc.*, Docket No. WRU-2009-0002-0263 (SPU-2009-0001), "Order Granting Waiver and Granting Request for Confidential Treatment" (Mar. 6, 2009).



## IMPORTANT CHANGES INVOLVING YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER

May 29, 2009

Dear Connections, Etc. Valued Customer,

We value your business and would like to update you on some important changes underway. The assets used to provide local and long distance telephone service under the Connections, Etc. name are currently owned by Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company and Sherburne Long Distance, Inc. On July 1, 2009, those assets and the Connections, Etc. employees will be transferred to Lakedale Telephone Company (Lakedale) and Lakedale Link, Inc. (Lakedale Link), respectively, along with the Connections, Etc. brand name.

**No action is necessary on your part. There will be no charges associated with this transfer and no change in the current rates, terms or conditions of your service.** You will continue to receive and be billed for the services you have always enjoyed – only the carrier owning the assets used to provide your service will change. Should there be any changes to the rates, terms, and conditions in the future, you will be notified in accordance with applicable law.

You have a choice in local and long distance service providers, however, you are a valued customer and we sincerely hope you will remain with Connections, Etc. If you do not wish for Connections, Etc. (Lakedale) to continue to be your local service provider and Connections, Etc. (Lakedale Link) to be your long distance service provider, please make any changes to your local and/or long distance services prior to July 1, 2009. If you currently do not receive long distance service from Connections, Etc., you will continue to be served by your current long distance carrier after the transfer.

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or “freezes” you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred local and long distance phone service provider(s) will be automatically removed as part of the transfer process. If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, please contact us after July 1.

Lakedale is committed to providing you with the same level of excellence and customer service that you enjoy today. We are leaders in innovation offering state-of-the-art services to fit your communication and entertainment needs. Please let us know how we can work with you to meet your needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact us at 763-262-4100.

Regards,

George Wallin  
Vice President / Chief Operating Officer  
Connections, Etc.

Gene South, Sr.  
General Manager  
Lakedale Telephone Company



## IMPORTANT CHANGES INVOLVING YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER

May 29, 2009

Dear NorthStar Access Valued Customer,

We value your business and would like to update you on some important changes underway. On July 1, 2009, the assets of NorthStar Access, L.L.C. and the NorthStar Access brand name and employees will be transferred to Lakedale Link. As a result, Lakedale Link will become your service provider on July 1, 2009.

**No action is necessary on your part. There will be no charges associated with this transfer and no change in the current rates, terms or conditions of your service.** You will continue to receive and be billed for the services you have always enjoyed – only the carrier owning the assets used to provide your service will change. Should there be any changes to the rates, terms, and conditions in the future, you will be notified in accordance with applicable law.

You have a choice in local and long distance service providers, however, you are a valued customer and we sincerely hope you will remain with NorthStar Access. If you do not wish for NorthStar Access (Lakedale Link, LLC) to continue to be your local service provider and NorthStar Access (Lakedale Link, Inc.) to be your long distance service provider, please make any changes to your local and/or long distance services prior to July 1, 2009. If you currently do not receive long distance service from NorthStar Access, you will continue to be served by your current long distance carrier after the transfer.

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or “freezes” you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred local and long distance phone service provider(s) will be automatically removed as part of the transfer process. If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, please contact us after July 1.

Lakedale Link is committed to providing you with the same level of excellence and customer service that you enjoy today from NorthStar Access. We are leaders in innovation offering state-of-the-art services to fit your communication and entertainment needs. Please let us know how we can work with you to meet your needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact us at (763) 262-4100.

Regards,

George Wallin  
Vice President/Chief Operating Officer  
NorthStar Access L.L.C.

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